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To: Iowa Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers

From: Iowa VFC Program

Re: Vaccine Update: GARDASIL 9

Effective May 18, 2015, the Iowa VFC Program will begin carrying GARDASIL 9 vaccine for all participating providers. VFC Program providers may begin placing orders for GARDASIL 9 vaccine using the VFC Vaccine Order Form in IRIS. When placing an order for GARDASIL 9, please review the clinic's vaccine inventory to identify all other vaccines needed. VFC providers should continue to place vaccine orders consistent with their economic order quantity (monthly, bimonthly or quarterly) and monitor existing GARDASIL inventory to ensure VFC vaccine is not wasted or allowed to expire.

An updated VFC Doses Administered Report and a list of VFC available vaccines and covered age ranges are available on the [Immunization Program Website](#).

The [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\) recommendations](#) for GARDASIL 9 include administering the vaccine to both males and females starting at 11-12 years of age, but vaccination may begin as young as age 9 years. Vaccination is also recommended for females aged 13 through 26 years and for males aged 13 through 21 years who have not been vaccinated previously. Males aged 22 through 26 years may also be vaccinated.

GARDASIL 9, GARDASIL and Cervarix are all recommended to be given in a 3-dose schedule. The second dose is administered at least 1-2 months after the first dose and the third dose at least 16 weeks after the second dose and 24 weeks after the first dose. If vaccine providers do not know, or do not have available, the HPV vaccine product previously administered, any available HPV vaccine product may be used to continue or complete the series for females; only GARDASIL or GARDASIL 9 may be used to continue or complete the series for males.

At this time, the ACIP has not issued recommendations for additional doses of GARDASIL 9 for those who have previously completed the Cervarix or GARDASIL vaccine series.

If you have questions regarding recommendations for use of GARDASIL 9 vaccine contact the Immunization Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 2. For questions regarding vaccine orders contact the VFC Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 4 or 5.